

Probe Asked Of Virginia Water Board

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors yesterday asked Virginia Gov. Linwood Holton to order a legislative investigation of the Virginia state water control board, the agency that imposed a ban on new sewer connections in one-fourth of the county.

The ban was lifted by a Fairfax Circuit judge Tuesday, but the supervisors went ahead and asked for the inquiry.

On the day that the control board imposed the ban, it denied the county's request for \$4 million in federal and state aid to correct deficiencies at three county sewage treatment plants. The deficiencies prompted the ban.

Considering the ban and the denial of funds, the supervisors asked Holton that any inquiry include a study of the uniformity of control board enforcement actions and its distribution of funds.

The study, if Holton ordered it, would be conducted by the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council, a committee of state senators and delegates. When the legislature is not in session, the VALC can act only at the request of the governor.

The county government generally is displeased with the control board's actions. The request to the governor said the control board's policies are of statewide concern. Several supervisors last week advocated such a study.

The study, as requested by the county, would examine the adequacy of present laws regulating the control board and the possible need for additional laws to govern it.

On the motion of Supervisor Donald R. Bowman (I-Springfield) the board asked that the inquiry also cover the basis to award state and federal funds.

In other action, the supervisors:

- Agreed to spend up to \$72,000 for attorney fees in the move by Alexandria to appeal a ruling that denied the city annexation of 8.3 acres of high-revenue county land. The attorney, State Sen. Robert C. Fitzgerald, (D-Fairfax) would receive a minimum of \$12,000. Should the appeal result in a full review of the case by higher courts, Fitzgerald could receive up to \$60,000 more.

- Appointed Rufus William Wright, an electronics division superintendent with the Naval Research Laboratory, to the county school board. Wright, 55, has a doctorate in physics. He replaces board member Nathaniel J. Orleans, who moved out of the country.

\$229.75 for five units of Robin Testifying last month, Garson said he had insisted on reimbursing the association and furnished a canceled check dated Nov. 18 for the full amount.

Carroll F. Genovese, according to Committee counsel Robert L. Lishman, told House investigators in mid-December that he had not received such a check.

Garson displayed the check to Lishman during a Committee hearing in June. Lishman studied the check and noted that the payment date stamped on it was April 7, 1970. Garson did not dispute this date.

Following the June testimony, Garson's personal records were subpoenaed, including checks and check stubs. Yesterday, an FBI expert, L. L. Shancyfelt told the Committee that the checks and stubs involved did not match.

Under questioning by acting Committee counsel Daniel Manelli, Shancyfelt said he had studied the checks and stubs and that watermarks indicated none was related. He displayed blowups and photographs of the records.

Garson, when asked yesterday by Manelli whether he had "falsified" or "manufactured" documents, said: "No." Last night, Garson could not be reached for comment.

Committee sources said last night Garson would be called to testify again at a later date. Meanwhile, he will continue to draw his \$30,000-a-year salary and Joseph M. Harrington, assistant secretary, will become acting secretary of the ICC.

Stafford said Garson's suspension would continue pending a review of the record and the ultimate outcome of a congressional investigation. Garson has been with the ICC for 21 years and has been its secretary for five years.

HUD Denies Related to 1

A spokesman for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) denied yesterday that Assistant Secretary Lawrence M. Cox resigned from HUD while under investigation.

In a statement issued by departmental spokesman George Creel, HUD did confirm that an audit of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority Cox headed for 28 years was under way at the time.

The Washington Post reported Wednesday that the routine audit covered the period from Oct. 1, 1967, until Dec. 31, 1969, and delved into Cox's expenses during that period.

The HUD statement said:

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